

**COMBINED DECLARATION FOR PATENT  
APPLICATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to our names.

We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "Angioplasty Stents"

the specification of which (check one)

\_\_\_\_\_ is attached hereto.

  X   was filed on November 4, 1997 in the United States Patent and Trademark Office as Application Serial No. 08/964,158 and was amended on N/A (if applicable).

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

**PRIORITY FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)**

				Priority Claimed
TO96A000373	Italy	8 May 1996		NO
TO96A000374	Italy	8 May 1996		NO
TO96A000375	Italy	8 May 1996		NO
TO96A000376	Italy	8 May 1996		NO
TO96A000377	Italy	8 May 1996		NO
(Numbers)	(Country)	(Day/month/year filed)	Yes	No

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States Application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, we acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

N/A

(Application Serial No.)	(Filing Date)	(Status)
		(patented, pending/ abandoned)

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We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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